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C O N F I D E N T I A L PEKING 1089

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: PRC FISHING BOATS IN SENKAKUS

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1. PHILIPPINE DCM TOLD USLO OFFICER APRIL 19 THAT HE HAD RECEIVED SAME LINE ON SENKAKUS INCURSION FROM MFA ASIAN AFFAIRS DEPUTY DIRECTOR WANG HSIAO-YUN AS JAPANESE POLITICAL COUNSELOR HAD HEARD FROM ANOTHER CHINESE OFFICIAL APRIL 16 (PARA 3 REFTEL). DURING A MEETING REQUESTED TO DISCUSS THE INCIDENT WANG SAID THAT CHINESE BOATS WERE ONLY FOLLOWING TRADITIONAL FISHING PATTERN, MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN EXACTLY HOW FAR OFFSHORE THEY WERE AND MAY NEVER HAVE BEEN ADVISED ABOUT CHANGE IN FISHING LIMITS. WANG, HOWEVER, WENT ON TO SAY SOMETHING WHICH THE JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN TOLD YET: THE INCIDENT WAS NOT IMPORTANT AND THAT THE JAPANESE COULD PROBABLY EXPECT IT TO RECUR.

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2. FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA IN BRIEF INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH PHILIPPINE DCM AT BANQUET GIVEN FOR VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN REPEATED KENG PAIO'S COMMENT THAT THE INCIDENT HAD NOT BEEN CREATED DELIBERATELY. HUANG THEN MADE A DEROGATORY COMMENT ABOUT PM FUKUDA'S INDECISIVENESS AND SAID THAT THE

AFFAIR HAD BEEN BLOWN UP OUT OF ALL PROPORTION BY
RIGHT WING ELEMENTS IN TOKYO OPPOSED TO THE CON-
CLUSION OF THE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY.

3. PHILIPPINE INTEREST IN CASES OF DISPUTED
SOVEREIGNTY OVER UNINHABITED ISLANDS IS OBVIOUS.
NEITHER PHILIPPINE OR CHINESE SIDE, HOWEVER, HAS
MENTIONED SPRATLEY GROUP SINCE SENKAKU FLAP BEGAN.
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